

### ALASKAN ROAD WILL OPEN UP GREAT COUNTRY

Fertile Agricultural and Rich Mineral Sections to Be Developed by Construction of New Government Railroad

### CANAL MACHINERY TO BE USED IN WORK

Construction Army to Be Flung into the Northern Country as Soon as Possible—Two Routes Were Considered

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
WASHINGTON, April 11.—President Wilson's decision on the Seward Fairbanks route of the proposed government railway through Alaska puts in motion the most extensive governmental railway project since the linking of the east and the Pacific coast by the trans-continental railway system. Like the latter, the new project has the two-fold aim of opening the way for pioneers and settlers in this new and almost unknown region of vast virgin resources, and at the same time providing an outlet for these resources to reach the seaboard and the trade routes to the Pacific states and the Orient.

The new project has the added problem of climatic conditions in this far-northern region, its short seasons, and a country of mountains and glaciers quite different from the plains across which most of the trans-continental routes stretched. Already, however, the development of Alaska has dispelled much of the popular idea of a region of snow and ice, and has disclosed rich and fertile agricultural sections in addition to the boundless resources of coal, copper and other minerals, and fur-bearing animals. Thus far, private enterprise has devised the only means for penetrating this little-known region, but now for the first time the government takes in hand the building and operation of a railway 1,000 miles long, running through the heart of the country.

President Wilson had before him an enormous amount of data on Alaska to aid in his decision as to which of the two proposed routes from Prince William Sound to Fairbanks should be followed. He had no recommendation from the Alaska Engineering Commission which made the investigation, however, the commissioners confining their report to a full statement of the facts regarding each route.

Since the bill appropriation \$25,000,000 for the construction of the line was enacted last year, the commission has had hundreds of men at work locating and surveying along both routes. Additional information has been placed before the president as it became available and in anticipation of the beginning of work early in the spring the commission has been making inquiries as to equipment available on the Panama canal and on other government tasks and otherwise making ready to filling a well equipped construction into the northern territory as soon as the president's decision was made known.

Each of the proposed routes—one known as the Cordova-Fairbanks route, the other the Seward-Fairbanks route—contemplated the purchase of an existing railway line. The question lay in selecting either Seward on the west shore of Prince William Sound, or Cordova on the east shore as the tidewater terminal of the government system.

The two routes were of approximately the same length and estimates of construction cost did not vary widely. The issue before the president probably lay in the price at which the existing lines could be obtained. Neither route presented serious engineering difficulties.

From Cordova, on the eastern shore of Prince William Sound, the Copper River and Northwestern railroad, controlled by the J. P. Morgan Co., provides an outlet for copper mines at Kennecott and reaches Chitna, 132 miles distant, following the west bank of the Copper river. Not far out of Cordova the road runs for miles parallel to the coast line and crosses the Sheridan glacier flats.

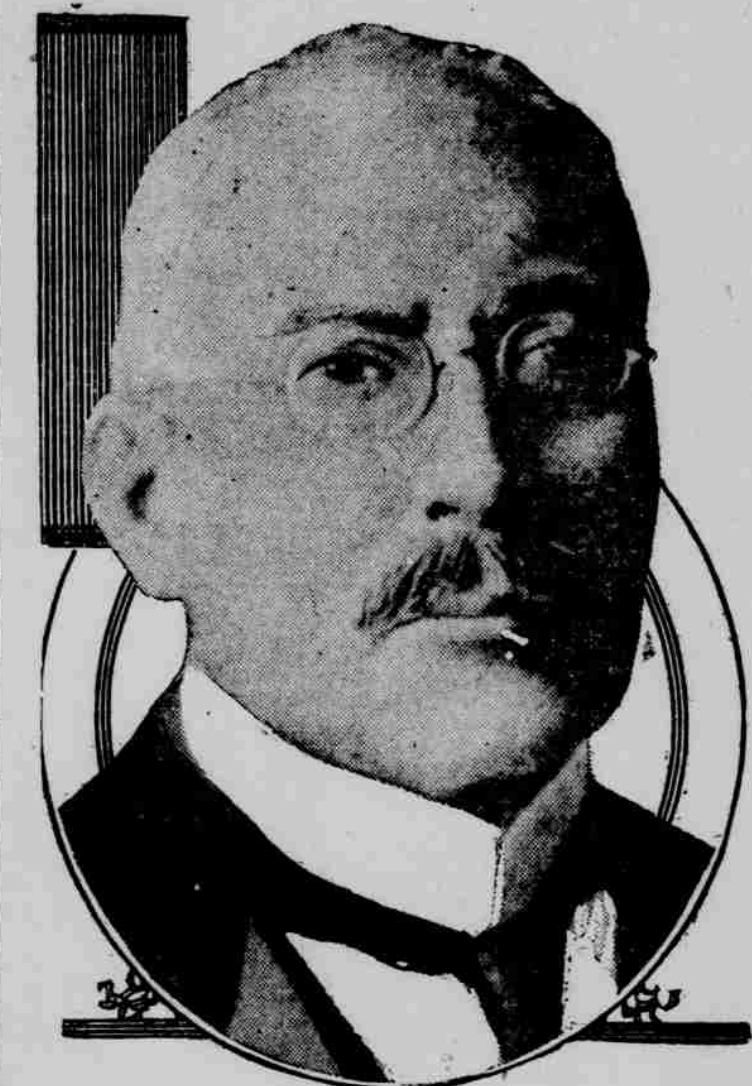
The line finally turns northward and passing between Miles and Childs (Continued on Page Four)

### New Colorado Bridge At Yuma Officially Opened

(Special to The Republican)  
YUMA, April 11.—The new steel bridge over the Colorado river was formally opened today, when a procession of thirty automobiles filled with citizens of Yuma crossed the trestle, and spent the day in the arid valley.

The new bridge, which completes the southern transcontinental highway between the Atlantic seaboard

### MEXICANS GENERALLY BELIEVE HE IS PLANNING NEW REVOLUTION



Former President Huerta

### STALLED AUTO WRECKS GOLDEN STATE LIMITED

Lives of Ninety Passengers Are Endangered When Fast Train Hits Pope-Hartford Car Belonging to Carranzista

(Special to The Republican)

TUCSON, Ariz., April 11.—The lives of ninety passengers on the west bound Golden State Limited of the El Paso and Southwestern were endangered this morning when the train hit an automobile stalled near Vail station, twenty miles southeast of here and the tender, baggage coach and the front trucks of the tourist coach were thrown from the tracks.

Jose Escobosa and his brother-in-law Henry V. Anaya and other Carranzista representatives were coming from Douglas in two automobiles. Escobosa was driving the famous Pope-Hartford touring car which has a romantic history in Northern Sonora, having served as ammunition smuggler at Agua Prieta and also as private car for Carranza, Obregon and other Mexican generals.

Escobosa was following Anaya when in crossing the tracks at Vail the engine stalled. Escobosa hearing the Golden State Limited approaching at forty-five miles an hour jumped out of the car but was unable to push it off the tracks.

The cowcatcher picked up the automobile and carried it 500 feet. A side (Continued on Page Four)

### LOVE AFFAIR CAUSES GIRL TO KILL SELF WITH POISON

Unrequited love for a young man other than the one she feared being forced to marry caused Guadalupe Bonillas, aged 17, to commit suicide by taking poison last evening at her home, corner Fifteenth and Buchanan street.

The young lady attended a dance Saturday night at the corner of Ninth and Tonto, with the young man she was engaged to marry. While there, it is said, she met and danced with a man for whom she had formed an attachment some time ago, but who refused to recognize her advances. Upon returning home from the dance she seemed strangely down cast and refused to say much about the affair.

Yesterday she talked to several of her sisters saying that she was tired of living. She appeared to be in a very despondent mood. She made the remark several times that she was going to make away with herself, but the family thought she was not serious in her remarks and made no effort to cheer her up.

About 3 o'clock she secured a bottle of poison used around the house for killing ants, and told her sister that she had finally made up her mind to kill herself. She then retired to her room, only to reappear, saying that she had taken the poison. The sister refused to believe her, still thinking it was a joke.

She soon showed signs of having carried out her terrible threat, and Dr. Dysart, who happened to be in the neighborhood, was hurriedly called and administered first aid. His efforts to save the young girl were useless and she died at 6 o'clock.

The girl is survived by her parents, her father being a gardener at the capitol building, six sisters and two small brothers.

Coroner Frank DeSouza viewed the (Continued on Page Four)

### GORGAS IS INVITED TO BECOME MEMBER

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Major General William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the army, was invited by the Rockefeller Foundation to become a permanent member of its staff in the capacity of general advisor in matters relating to public sanitation and control of epidemics.

### Successfully Hunt Out Horse Thieves In Auto

(Special to The Republican)

CASA GRANDE, April 11.—A spectacular horse thief hunt ended this morning when Deputy Sheriff Wes Cates and J. N. McFate, captured Jim Murphy and Red Campbell, 80 miles south of Casa Grande near the hidden wells. On Friday night the men stole two valuable horses, saddles and side arms from the Tenney Livery stable and headed for Mexico. The theft not being discovered until morning, Sheriff Hall and his deputies started in pursuit. Cates and McFate in the latter's Ford traveled over 480 miles in a rough, roadless country above the border line before spotting their men who, taken by surprise, threw their hands into the air when commanded by officer Cates.

McFate brought Murphy here this morning while Cates, making Campbell ride one of the horses, is expected here tomorrow. One of the horses recovered belonged, when a colt, to Jack Ketchum alias "Black Jack," a notorious Arizona and New Mexico bandit who was hung a number of years ago. The capture by auto is considered a remarkable performance by those familiar with the lower country.

During his career as a republican Mr. Shaw was often honored in positions of trust and honor, one may then have differed with him concerning political policies, or whatever country opinions his critics may have held in matters of governmental policy, none could successfully attack his personal character, his integrity or his fidelity to home, country or personal convictions of right or wrong.

Having always a fitness for clerical positions and an upright and blameless character and having been among the first to settle in this valley, it was but natural that he should have taken an important part in the early political history of the country, even though the population in those days was preponderantly democratic. He crossed the plains to California in 1850, spent twelve years in mining in the Golden state, moved to Nevada in 1862, and came from there to the Salt River valley in 1870, camping on November 16 of that year about where the plant of the Phoenix water works is now located. Within a week after his arrival, he took a contract to enlarge the Swilling canal to twenty feet on the bottom, it being only five feet at that time. The contract was completed in January, 1872, and on February 1, he accepted a position as janitor on the canal, which he held until September 1872.

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### CALM SLUMBER MARKS END OF FRANCIS A. SHAW

Venerable Mason and Highly Respected Citizen Passes to Beyond While Gentle Sleep Holds Him in Embrace

### FILLED MANY PUBLIC OFFICES

Came to West Many Years Ago and Advanced Politically and Fraternally to Envious Position Among His Fellow Men

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him And lies down to pleasant dreams," Francis Ashbury Shaw, probably the oldest Mason in Arizona, both in point of age as well as of membership in the order passed away at the Shaw family residence, 717 West McKinley street, sometime between dusk of Saturday night and dawn of yesterday morning. His head resting lightly upon his crossed palms, perfect contentment enshrined upon his face, his spirit took flight while he slept. His passing was in keeping with his daily life, minus turmoil and struggle, calm and beautiful, and marked with every manifestation of perfect confidence in his fellow man and faith in the life beyond the grave. The Lowly Man of Nazareth gave no tenet he could not observe, no dogma he could not fulfill, and no prophecy he did not believe. To those who knew him best, his seemed the perfect life.

And Masonry in Arizona and throughout the world, and citizenry generally lost a loyal member and a true American when the mortal existence of Francis Ashbury Shaw merged into the immortal. His sphere was somewhat of his own making, for though he received recognition politically from the citizens of Arizona, his true worth was brought out and wrought out within the sanctuary of Masonry and it was not found wanting. No man less noble, less true, could have won and retained for more than half a century the full confidence of the members of the oldest secret organization in the world and passed through every chair within the gift of the Masters of the state that for forty years was his home.

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### MAY BE WORKING FOR SEPARATE PEACE FOR AUSTRIAN EMPIRE



Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

### EXPLOSION WRECKS THE CUDAHY PLANT

KANSAS CITY, April 11.—An explosion believed by the police to have been caused by a bomb, thrown with intent to destroy the structure, wrecked the seven story cooling building of the Cudahy packing plant. The loss is estimated at \$750,000. Two of the employees were more or less seriously injured.

### Big Battleship "Queen Lizzie" Leaps To Fame

LONDON, April 11.—Through the spectacular fighting she has been engaged in at the Dardanelles, the British superdreadnought Queen Elizabeth has suddenly jumped to such fame that in London music halls all the comedians call her "Queen Lizzie."

An interesting rumor of German espionage centers about the building of the battleship at the Portsmouth navy yard last fall. The story, which lacks verification, of course, but is credited in many quarters, is that while the workmen were ashore for lunch one day, the Queen Elizabeth was seen to be listing slightly.

An immediate inspection was made and it was discovered that several cockles had been left open and the ship was rapidly filling with water.

All gates to the navy yard were closed. The men who had just left the ship were all called before an investigating board. One is reported to have broken down under the grilling and admitted he had made an attempt to destroy the ship. Various rumors have since been in circulation.

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### FRENCH REPORT CONTINUED SUCCESSSES ON ANORE RIVER

PARIS, April 11.—Official communication from the war office says: "In the region of North Albert, the Germans Saturday night on two sides of the Anore river attacked our trenches at Hamel and the Thiépval wood but were repulsed after a hand to hand conflict. In the Argonne region there was a very sharp struggle all night. We demolished a blockhouse and captured three hundred yards of trenches there. We maintained our gain despite two German counter attacks.

Between the Meuse and Moselle, no infantry action has been reported in the region of Les Eparges and Combres since our success of April 9. In the Ailly wood the attack on the evening of the tenth made the masters of a new line of trenches. In the Montmarie wood the Germans succeeded during the night in recapturing the trenches they lost in the day.

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### OFFENSIVE IS BUT PRELUDE TO BIG MOVEMENT

French Offensive in the Woever District is Believed to Portend Big General Effort in Western War Theater

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
LONDON, April 11.—The French offensive in the Woever district is believed to be only the prelude to a big general effort in the west. Reports from the two general staffs are in direct conflict and it is difficult to gauge the results of the fighting. Military experts here express the conviction that the Germans will be compelled to send reinforcements to strengthen their wedge penetrating to St. Mihiel, which is being attacked on both flanks.

As soon as this movement begins, the allies will strike the point weakest, perhaps at the whole line. The Russians, like the French are apparently making progress in the capture of important points which are essential before the general advance movement can be undertaken. They are in possession of the whole of the principal chain of the Carpathians and at some points are descending the southern slopes, and approaching if not already in the Uzok valley south of that pass. Fighting is difficult, and the ground

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### THE KRON PRINZ WILHELM MAKES NEWPORT NEWS

German Converted Cruiser, Elusive Raider of South Atlantic Commerce, Follows Example of Prinz Eitel in Making Port

### TAKES TOLL OF FOURTEEN SHIPS

Officers Say She Was Forced to Steal Past Four Allied Cruisers Along the Virginia Capes in Seeking Refuge Here

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
NEWPORT NEWS, April 11.—The German converted cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm, the elusive raider of the commerce of the South Atlantic, slipped into port and asked for fuel and provisions today. Many times the cruiser had been reported destroyed but the former North German Lloyd liner evaded hostile warships for eight months, and sent fourteen merchantment to the bottom.

Her officers said, she had been forced to steal past the four allied cruisers along the Virginia Capes to reach refuge.

"We got in without being seen by the enemy, and we can get out the same way," declared Commander Paul Thierfelder. He had less than 25 tons of coal and but scanty provisions for the crew of 500 and the 61 prisoners from the British merchantment sunk.

Of the fourteen ships that the 15,000 ton cruiser sank, nine were British, four French and one Norwegian. The value of the ships and their cargoes the officers of the Wilhelm estimate at \$7,000,000.

When the Wilhelm arrived off the Thimble Shoals two United States submarines, the G-1 and D-2, met her. The submarines surprised the crew, but there was no demonstration as they conveyed the German raider to quarantine where Dr. MacCafferty and United States officer boarded her. Sixty-six of the crew and prisoners were ill with beri-beri and requested that they be sent to a hospital.

The Wilhelm left New York on August 3 as a merchant and passenger steamer. Since then she never has touched land, but took 960 prisoners. Most of these were sent to South American ports on German ships which met the raider in response to wireless calls. She had only four guns, two from the Kaiser's rule and two from the captured British steamer La Correntina, sunk on October 7.

The beri-beri was caused by a lack of vegetables.

### NOVEL PLAN TO BUILD CITIES

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

BERLIN, April 11.—A new scheme is announced for the rebuilding of devastated districts of East Prussia. Each of the larger municipalities in the interior of Germany will become "father to one of the towns or villages which have suffered from invasion. Thus Charlottenburg has undertaken to raise the necessary assistance for Soldau, Magdeburg for Johannesburg, and so on. The parent towns are not expected to deal with the general or temporary relief of distress, but rather with rebuilding and town-planning.

### CUT OUT DINERS

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, April 11.—Dining cars are to be eliminated by all English railways for the remainder of the war, if an order to such effect which has been prepared by the directors of this branch of the service is approved by the managing authorities. The move is in accordance with the general policy of economizing all claims of civilian traffic in favor of the national requirements, as well as in agreement with the national scheme to release as many able-bodied men as can be spared for the fighting line.

### Motorcycle Breaks; Lee Holt Severely Injured

Lee Holt, an employee in the mechanical department of The Republican has severely hurt in the Southside hospital at Mesa as a result of a motorcycle accident yesterday afternoon, in which he and William Gerig and a defective two-wheeler were concerned. With a broken wrist and the possibility of a fractured skull, and many bruises, Holt was last night considered a very seriously wounded young man.

It was while riding double, on a trip that was to have extended to Phoenix, that the two boys met their accident. It occurred two miles south of Mesa on the Chandler road,

a short distance this side of the "Jog." Gerig, who was driving, had slowed down in order to make the S turn, where the road crosses the base line. The forks gave way fifty feet before the machine hit the turn, and although not traveling over twenty miles an hour, the boys went head first into the hard road.

Gerig picked up his companion, and flagged an auto. Holt was in the hospital within ten minutes after the accident, where he was attended by physicians. Mr. and Mrs. Holt, his parents were summoned from Phoenix by phone, and remained with the injured boy during the night. Gerig was unhurt.